

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims to read as indicated herein.

1. (currently amended) A computer-implemented method for enabling a host to facilitate a transaction between a first party and a second party, comprising:

- receiving a communication from said first party;
- querying a database based on said communication, and obtaining a result that indicates said second party for engagement in said transaction;
- sending a communication to said second party inviting said second party to correspond with said first party;
- receiving a correspondence from said second party;
- presenting to said first party said correspondence from said second party; ~~and~~
- soliciting from said first party its' level of satisfaction with said correspondence from said second party;
- recognizing a pattern between said communication from said first party and said correspondence; and
- suggesting a product or service to at least one of said first party or said second party based on said pattern.

2. (original) The computer-implemented method of claim 1, further comprising:

- storing to a memory a correspondence from said first party;
- storing to said memory said correspondence from said second party; and
- providing to said first party and said second party access to said memory to review both of said correspondence from said first party and said correspondence from said second party.

3. (currently amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 1, further comprising presenting to said first party an offer for said second party to provide a said product or service to said first party.

4. (original) The computer-implemented method of claim 3, further comprising:  
receiving from said first party, a communication indicating a desire of said first party to  
receive said product or service; and  
sending an order to said second party for said second party to provide said product or  
service to said first party.

5. (cancelled)

6. (original) The computer-implemented method of claim 1, further comprising  
determining an amount of compensation due to said host for facilitating said transaction.

7. (original) The computer-implemented method of claim 1,  
wherein said correspondence from said second party is in a first language; and  
wherein said method further comprises translating said correspondence from said first  
language into a second language.

8. (currently amended) A computer-implemented method for enabling a host to  
facilitate a transaction between a first party and a second party, comprising:  
receiving a query from said first party;  
searching a database based on said query for correspondents for engagement in said  
transaction;  
sending to said first party a list of said correspondents that includes said second party;  
receiving from said first party an indication that said first party desires to correspond  
with said second party;  
receiving a correspondence from said first party;  
presenting to said second party said correspondence from said first party;  
receiving a correspondence from said second party;  
presenting to said first party said correspondence from said second party; and

soliciting from said first party its' level of satisfaction with said correspondence from said second party;  
recognizing a pattern between said correspondence from said first party and said correspondence from said second party; and  
suggesting a product or service to at least one of said first party or said second party based on said pattern.

9. (original) The computer-implemented method of claim 8, further comprising:  
storing to a memory said correspondence from said first party;  
storing to said memory said correspondence from said second party; and  
providing to said first party and said second party access to said memory to review both of said correspondence from said first party and said correspondence from said second party.

10. (currently amended) The computer-implemented method of claim 8 further comprising presenting to said first party an offer for said second party to provide a said product or service to said first party.

11. (original) The computer-implemented method of claim 10 further comprising:  
receiving from said first party a communication indicating a desire of said first party to receive said product or service; and  
sending an order to said second party for said second party to provide said product or service to said first party.

12. (original) The computer-implemented method of claim 8 further comprising determining an amount of compensation due to said host for facilitating said transaction.

13. (original) The computer-implemented method of claim 8  
wherein said correspondence from said first party is in a first language and said correspondence from said second party is in a second language, and

wherein said method further comprises at least one of (a) translating said correspondence from said first party from said first language into said second language, or (b) translating said correspondence from said second party from said second language into said first language.

14. (currently amended) A storage media containing instructions for controlling a processor to perform a method for enabling a host to facilitate a transaction between a first party and a second party, said storage media comprising instructions for controlling said processor to execute the steps of:

receiving a communication from said first party;  
querying a database based on said communication and obtaining a result that indicates said second party for engagement in said transaction;  
sending a communication to said second party inviting said second party to correspond with said first party;  
receiving a correspondence from said second party; and  
presenting to said first party said correspondence from said second party; ~~and~~  
soliciting from said first party its' level of satisfaction with said correspondence from said second party;  
recognizing a pattern between said communication from said first party and said correspondence; and  
suggesting a product or service to at least one of said first party or said second party based on said pattern.

15. (original) The storage media of claim 14 further comprising instructions for controlling said processor to execute the steps of:

storing to a memory a correspondence from said first party;  
storing to said memory said correspondence from said second party; and  
providing to said first party and said second party access to said memory to review both said correspondence from said first party and said correspondence from said second party.

16. (currently amended) The storage media of claim 14 further comprising instructions for controlling said processor to execute the step of presenting to said first party an offer for said second party to provide ~~a~~ said product or service to said first party.

17. (original) The storage media of claim 16, further comprising instructions for controlling said processor to execute the steps of:  
receiving from said first party a communication indicating a desire of said first party to receive said product or service; and  
sending an order to said second party for said second party to provide said product or service to said first party.

18. (cancelled)

19. (original) The storage media of claim 14, further comprising instructions for controlling said processor to execute the step of determining an amount of compensation due to said host for facilitating said transaction.

20. (original) The storage media of claim 14,  
wherein said correspondence from said second party is in a first language, and  
wherein said storage media further comprises instructions for controlling said processor to execute the step of translating said correspondence from said first language into a second language.

21. (currently amended) A storage media containing instructions for controlling a processor to perform a method for enabling a host to facilitate a transaction between a first party and a second party, said storage media comprising instructions for controlling said processor to execute the steps of:  
receiving a query from said first party;

searching a database, based on said query, for correspondents for engagement in said transaction;  
sending to said first party a list of said correspondents that includes said second party;  
receiving from said first party an indication that said first party desires to correspond with said second party;  
receiving a correspondence from said first party;  
presenting to said second party said correspondence from said first party;  
receiving a correspondence from said second party;  
presenting to said first party said correspondence from said second party;~~and~~  
soliciting from said first party its' level of satisfaction with said correspondence from said second party;  
recognizing a pattern between said correspondence from said first party and said correspondence from said second party; and  
suggesting a product or service to at least one of said first party or said second party based on said pattern.

22. (original) The storage media of claim 21, further comprising instructions for controlling said processor to execute the steps of:  
storing to a memory said correspondence from said first party;  
storing to said memory said correspondence from said second party; and  
providing to said first party and said second party access to said memory to review both said correspondence from said first party and said correspondence from said second party.

23. (currently amended) The storage media of claim 21 further comprising instructions for controlling said processor to execute the step of presenting to said first party an offer for said second party to provide ~~a~~ said product or service to said first party.

24. (original) The storage media of claim 23, further comprising instructions for controlling said processor to execute the steps of:

receiving from said first party a communication indicating a desire of said first party to receive said product or service; and  
sending an order to said second party for said second party to provide said product or service to said first party.

25. (original) The storage media of claim 21 further comprising instructions for controlling said processor to execute the step of determining an amount of compensation due to said host for facilitating said transaction.

26. (original) The storage media of claim 21,  
wherein said correspondence from said first party is in a first language and said correspondence from said second party is in a second language, and  
wherein said storage media further comprises instructions for controlling said processor to execute at least one of the steps of (a) translating said correspondence from said first party from said first language into said second language, or (b) translating said correspondence from said second party from said second language into said first language.

27. (currently amended) A computer system for enabling a host to facilitate a transaction between a first party and a second party, comprising:  
a means for receiving a communication from said first party;  
a means for querying a database based on said communication and obtaining a result that indicates said second party for engagement in said transaction;  
a means for sending a communication to said second party inviting said second party to correspond with said first party;  
a means for receiving a correspondence from said second party;  
a means for presenting to said first party said correspondence from said second party;  
and  
a means for soliciting from said first party its' level of satisfaction with said correspondence from said second party;

a means for recognizing a pattern between said communication from said first party and said correspondence; and  
a means for suggesting a product or service to at least one of said first party or said second party based on said pattern.

28. (currently amended) A computer system for enabling a host to facilitate a transaction between a first party and a second party, comprising:

a means for receiving a query from said first party;  
a means for searching a database, based on said query, for correspondents for engagement in said transaction;  
a means for sending to said first party a list of said correspondents that includes said second party;  
a means for receiving from said first party an indication that said first party desires to correspond with said second party;  
a means for receiving a correspondence from said first party;  
a means for presenting to said second party said correspondence from said first party;  
a means for receiving a correspondence from said second party;  
a means for presenting to said first party said correspondence from said second party;  
and  
a means for soliciting from said first party its' level of satisfaction with said correspondence from said second party;  
a means for recognizing a pattern between said correspondence from said first party and said correspondence from said second party; and  
a means for suggesting a product or service to at least one of said first party or said second party based on said pattern.

Please add the following claims, newly numbered as claims 29 – 36.



29. (new) The computer-implemented method of claim 1, wherein said pattern relates to a topic selected from the group consisting of (a) a problem that said first party is trying to solve, (b) a popular product or combination of products, and (c) effectiveness of a vendor.

30. (new) The computer-implemented method of claim 8, wherein said pattern relates to a topic selected from the group consisting of (a) a problem that said first party is trying to solve, (b) a popular product or combination of products, and (c) effectiveness of a vendor.

31. (new) The storage media of claim 14, wherein said pattern relates to a topic selected from the group consisting of (a) a problem that said first party is trying to solve, (b) a popular product or combination of products, and (c) effectiveness of a vendor.

32. (new) The storage media of claim 21, wherein said pattern relates to a topic selected from the group consisting of (a) a problem that said first party is trying to solve, (b) a popular product or combination of products, and (c) effectiveness of a vendor.

33. (new) The computer system of claim 27, wherein said pattern relates to a topic selected from the group consisting of (a) a problem that said first party is trying to solve, (b) a popular product or combination of products, and (c) effectiveness of a vendor.

34. (new) The computer system of claim 28, wherein said pattern relates to a topic selected from the group consisting of (a) a problem that said first party is trying to solve, (b) a popular product or combination of products, and (c) effectiveness of a vendor.

35. (new) A computer-implemented method, comprising:  
monitoring correspondences between a first party and a second party;  
recognizing a pattern in said correspondences; and  
suggesting a product or service to at least one of said first party or said second party  
based on said pattern.

36. (new) The computer-implemented method of claim 35, wherein said pattern relates to a topic selected from the group consisting of (a) a problem that said first party is trying to solve, (b) a popular product or combination of products, and (c) effectiveness of a vendor.